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***Raised Bill No. 1108***

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Referred to Committee on Aging

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING SENIOR SAFETY ZONES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Section 54-259a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2       following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3       (a) There is established a Risk Assessment Board consisting of the  
4       Commissioner of Correction, the Commissioner of Mental Health and  
5       Addiction Services, the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Chief  
6       State's Attorney, the Chief Public Defender, the chairperson of the  
7       Board of Pardons and Paroles, the executive director of the Court  
8       Support Services Division of the Judicial Department and the  
9       chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of  
10      the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the  
11      judiciary and public safety, or their designees, a victim advocate with  
12      experience working with sexual assault victims and sexual offenders  
13      appointed by the Governor, a forensic psychiatrist with experience in  
14      the treatment of sexual offenders appointed by the Governor and a  
15      person trained in the identification, assessment and treatment of sexual  
16      offenders appointed by the Governor.

17 (b) The board shall develop a risk assessment scale that assigns  
18 weights to various risk factors including, but not limited to, the  
19 seriousness of the offense, the offender's prior offense history, the  
20 offender's characteristics, the availability of community supports,  
21 whether the offender has indicated or credible evidence in the record  
22 indicates that the offender will reoffend if released into the community  
23 and whether the offender demonstrates a physical condition that  
24 minimizes the risk of reoffending, and specifies the risk level to which  
25 offenders with various risk assessment scores shall be assigned.

26 (c) The board shall use the risk assessment scale to assess the risk of  
27 reoffending of each person subject to registration under this chapter,  
28 including incarcerated offenders who are within one year of their  
29 estimated release date, and assign each such person a risk level of high,  
30 medium or low.

31 (d) The board shall use the risk assessment scale to determine which  
32 offenders should be prohibited from residing within one thousand feet  
33 of the real property comprising a public or private elementary or  
34 secondary school, [or] a facility providing child day care services, as  
35 defined in section 19a-77, a senior center, housing for elderly persons  
36 pursuant to section 8-114a or congregate housing for the elderly  
37 pursuant to section 8-119h.

38 (e) Not later than October 1, 2007, the board shall submit a report to  
39 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly on the judiciary  
40 in accordance with section 11-4a setting forth its findings and  
41 recommendations concerning: (1) Whether information about sexual  
42 offenders assigned a risk level of high, medium or low should be made  
43 available to the public through the Internet; (2) the types of  
44 information about sexual offenders that should be made available to  
45 the public through the Internet which may include, but not be limited  
46 to, (A) the name, residential address, physical description and  
47 photograph of the registrant, (B) the offense or offenses of which the  
48 registrant was convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental

49 disease or defect that required registration under this chapter, (C) a  
 50 brief description of the facts and circumstances of such offense or  
 51 offenses, (D) the criminal record of the registrant with respect to any  
 52 prior convictions or findings of not guilty by reason of mental disease  
 53 or defect for the commission of an offense requiring registration under  
 54 this chapter, and (E) the name of the registrant's supervising  
 55 correctional, probation or parole officer, and contact information for  
 56 such officer; (3) whether any of the persons assigned a high risk level  
 57 by the board pursuant to subsection (c) of this section meets the criteria  
 58 for civil commitment pursuant to section 17a-498; (4) whether  
 59 additional restrictions should be placed on persons subject to  
 60 registration under this chapter such as curfews and intensive  
 61 monitoring on certain holidays; (5) whether persons convicted of a  
 62 sexual offense who pose a high risk of reoffending should be required  
 63 to register under this chapter regardless of when they were convicted  
 64 or released into the community; and (6) whether persons determined  
 65 to be guilty with adjudication withheld in any other state or  
 66 jurisdiction of any crime the essential elements of which are  
 67 substantially the same as any of the crimes specified in subdivisions  
 68 (2), (5) and (11) of section 54-250 should be required to register under  
 69 this chapter.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	54-259a
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To require the Risk Assessment Board to use the risk assessment scale to determine which offenders should be prohibited from residing near senior centers or senior housing.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*